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Dear Mr. Hand:

I refer to your letter of 17 July 1956, requesting information on a certain OSS project in which a friend of yours, Mr. was involved during World War II. We have checked our files on this project, and on Mr. connection with it, and have ascertained that he was in fact employed on this project in connection with the handling of small boats. The project itself was highly classified at the time, and our records on this and other sensitive OSS projects are still classified. I can inform you in this letter, however, that this project never went beyond the training and preparation stage, although it was extremely active at the time of the abrupt termination of hostilities with Japan.

I regret that I am unable to give you more details, but I would be happy to send a representative of the Agency to your office to discuss it privately with you if you so desire. In conversations with your office, we have received the impression that Mr. principal problem at this point is to be able to give some description of his World War II activities without disclosing security information. If this is his problem, we could see no objection to his reference to the fact that he worked for OSS and was involved in small boat operations in a highly classified project. It would not be advisable for him to mention the name of the project.

If the above explanation does not meet Mr. needs, I would suggest that he contact the Legislative Counsel of this Agency, Mr. Norman Paul, who will arrange for direct conversations between Mr. and the appropriate office within this Agency.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
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Hon. Allen W. Dulles,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

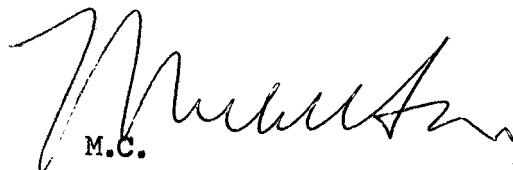
I believe that during World War II there was a project under OSS called [redacted] which was at that time secret. I have a friend, [redacted] who I believe served in this project, but I cannot find out because he will not confirm my suspicions, thinking the project is still classified.

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To what extent is this project, and the nature of the men who served in it, now a matter of public information, if at all? If it is public, how can I obtain information concerning it?

Sincerely,


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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

The research on the attached letter took a certain amount of time and I had informed the Congressman that we could not answer his letter immediately. This project, which never developed beyond the training stage, involved the use of guided but pilotless small boats loaded with explosives against enemy ships. [redacted] was assigned to this project as a small boat operator. He never left the U.S. during the period of his OSS service. [redacted]

Norman S. Paul
Legislative Counsel

30 July 1956
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